

## THE DEMOCRAT.

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## Democratic-Conservative Candidates.

FOR GOVERNOR,  
A. S. MERRIMON, of Wake.FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR,  
JOHN HUGHES, of Craven.FOR TREASURER,  
JOHN W. GRAHAM, of Orange.FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL,  
WILLIAM M. SHIPP, of Mecklenburg.FOR SECRETARY OF STATE,  
JOHN A. WOMACK, of Chatham.FOR AUDITOR,  
C. LEVENTHORPE, of Caldwell.SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,  
NATHAN MENDENHALL, of Guilford.SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
J. H. SEAPARK, of Wake.FOR CONGRESS,  
THOMAS S. ASHIE, of Anson.

## Hon. Thomas S. Ashe.

The gentleman whose name heads this paragraph is nominated as the Democratic-Conservative candidate for Congress in the 6th District. The proceedings of the Convention are published in full, and we are delighted with the nomination. We can remember any thing about prominent men in the South, we have known Thos. S. Ashe since he was a boy, and we know him to be a high-toned honorable man, an old-line Whig of the purest sect, and one who always discharged his duty in public life without blemish or the slightest shadow.

On all parts of the District we hear words of approval of the nomination; and, in fact, throughout the State it inspires hope and faith with those who are working against radicalism and dishonesty.

We consider Mr. Ashe's election certain, and we must work steady and hard to give him a majority, and we request that he himself in the campaign by visiting Catawba, Lincoln and Gaston counties, where the people are anxious to hear him and hear him speak on public affairs.

PERSONAL.—We were pleased to meet in the last week, in attendance on the District Convention, our brother Editors, Dr. Ellis of the Hickory, and Mr. J. McSwain of the Fayetteville, besides many other old friends and acquaintances.

## Mecklenburg County Convention.

The County Convention held in the Court House, Saturday, the 18th inst., to nominate candidates for the Legislature and County Officers, was one of the most respectable bodies we ever saw assembled for such a purpose. Gen. W. H. Neal presided, and Thos. R. Waring and J. M. Watson acted as Secretaries. Every Township in the county was represented.

The following nominations were made:

For the Senate—R. P. Waring.

For the Commons—Col. John Edmonds Brown.

For Sheriff—Marshall E. Alexander.

For Treasurer—S. E. Belk.

For General—Wm. P. Little.

For Register—Wm. Maxwell.

For Surveyor—J. E. Moore.

For County Commissioners—Thos. L. Vail, R. L. Leonard, W. H. Neal, Thos. Guyas and Dr. M. M. Watson.

We are pleased with the action of the Convention, and will take delight in supporting and working for the election of the nominees. No better men could have been nominated. Although we voted for some of their competitors, yet we are fully satisfied, because everything was done in a fair and honorable manner.

There are hundreds of Alexanders in this county, it is proper to attempt to identify Marshall Alexander, the candidate for Sheriff, so that we may know which is which. He is the son of Mr. Alexander of Sharon neighborhood, about 18 years old, a native of the county, and was a gallant soldier in the Confederate army.

Before the Townships commenced balloting, a copy was read from Capt. A. G. Neal declining to put his name to go before the Convention as a candidate for the House of Commons.

HOUSE REPORT.—On Wednesday night last, the Gin House of Mr. Jno. N. D. Wilson, near Millers Mills, Cabarrus county, was burnt, together with four bales of Cotton, tools, &c. Loss about \$200. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

The next night, the 23d, in the same neighborhood, the Smoke House of John Caldwell, Sr., was burnt and burnt. He lost all his Bacon, Wheat, and some other articles.

THE CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION.—The Conservative Convention which assembled at Wintonsburg on the 23d inst., nominated W. H. Hughes, Esq., of Rowan, as a candidate for Congress from the 7th or Statesville District.

Mr. J. M. Leach was re-nominated for Congress from the 23d inst., by the Conservative Convention of the fifth or Greensboro District. Complicated resolutions endorsing his course were unanimously adopted.

Col. D. M. Carter has been nominated for Congress in the First District by the Conservatives. Mr. Cobb is the Radical candidate.

Mr. Neil McKay, Esq., of Harnett, has been nominated for Congress by the Republican Convention of the third or Fayetteville District.

The Radicals of the eighth Congressional District have nominated W. G. Chandler of Buncombe as their candidate for Congress.

By the passage of the Amnesty Bill, the Hon. H. Rodgers of the Wake District, has been admitted to his seat.

We tender thanks to Hon. F. E. Shober for his valuable public documents.

## New Advertisements.

For sale opposite Carson & Grier's Store for the day (Monday) at auction, by J. E. Brown, agent for Trustee.

Charlotte Mineral Springs will be open to visitors from the 1st June.

Bonnets, Ribbons, Flowers, &c., just received by B. Koopmann.

Summer Goods, second stock—McMurray, Davis & Co.

Glass, Putty, White Lead, Oils, Toilet Soaps, &c.—W. R. Burwell & Co.

Daily Varden's Wash-tubs and wash-boards at the Dolly Varden's.

Dolly Varden's Sewing Machines at Maxwell's.

Dolly Varden's Baby-Baskets at James Barry's.

## Mecklenburg Superior Court.

Judge Logan was promptly at his post on the 20th to open Court, but as the people generally desired to engage in the celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, the Judge postponed the commencement of business until Tuesday the 21st.

The most important case tried last week was that from Lincoln county—Newton V. Chandler charged with committing rape upon Miss Mary Bradshaw—both white. W. P. Bynum, Esq., the able and efficient Solicitor, prosecuted, and Robt. D. Johnston and R. W. Sandifer defended the prisoner by appointment of the Judge. The evidence of the violated girl and her sister was positive against the prisoner and proved him guilty of a most brutal and outrageous crime.

At 4 o'clock on Saturday evening the jury returned a verdict of Guilty. The punishment is death.

## 20th of May in Charlotte.

Inasmuch as the celebration in this City occurred a week ago, and the details were published by our daily neighbors several days since, we deem it unnecessary to now fill our columns with a full account of the proceedings.

The Firemen of Charlotte deserve praise for the handsome manner in which the ceremonies were conducted. There were two Companies from abroad—one from Newbern, N. C., and one from Columbia, S. C.

Col. H. C. Jones was the orator of the day, and although the immense audience at the Fair Grounds prevented our getting near enough to hear his Address, we have heard it highly complimented by those who did hear.

The dinner, which was prepared by the Committee of Firemen and Ladies, is said to have been splendid.

Although there were several thousand persons in the streets during the day, everything passed off pleasantly and satisfactorily.

## 20th of May at Alexandria.

We learn that the celebration at Alexandria on the 20th of May was a success, and those who attended speak in terms of praise of the hospitality of the people of that neighborhood. Of course such an intelligent community know how to treat visitors kindly and elegantly.

Previous to the celebration no notice of it was sent to the Democrat for publication, but the Editor would have attended as a volunteer if he had not been detained in Charlotte on that day by business which he could not postpone. We delight to do "a hand's work" in the printing office, and we cannot leave home at all times.

We hear that Mr. John R. Alexander did much and worked hard to make the celebration agreeable to all concerned, and that the speeches of Gov. Vance, R. P. Waring, R. D. Graham, T. B. McDowell and Paul B. Means were appropriate and pleasing to the audience.

## Concert at the Charlotte Female Institute.

The lovers of music enjoyed a rare entertainment in the Concert of last Friday night, given by the young ladies of the Charlotte Female Institute and the members of the Charlotte Glee Club, under the leadership of Prof. Baumann. The piece sung was "Daniel," a sacred Oratorio of exquisite beauty, which was rendered in a style that reflects the highest credit upon all who took part in the exercises.

Prof. Baumann, of course, presided at the Piano. It was sufficient for the community to know that he was at the head of the entertainment to ensure for the occasion a large and appreciative audience.

We heard the wish expressed by many that this "Oratorio" would be repeated, and as we are informed by the Pastor of the Lutheran Church of this City, that funds are at this time greatly needed to enable the congregation to complete their new house of worship, we bespeak for that object a repetition of the Concert at an early day.

We are sure that the Rev. Mr. Aldrich has the sympathy of our community in his noble and untiring efforts to provide for his flock a neat and comfortable place of worship; the worthiness, therefore, of the object, apart from the music itself, would tend to make the entertainment a success.

We have been requested to suggest that, if convenient, Prof. Baumann repeat the Concert for the benefit of the Lutheran Church building.

## Excellent Speech.

The Hon. J. C. Harper of the 8th North Carolina District, made a speech in the House of Representatives on the 4th inst., on the condition of the South and in refutation of the slanders on North Carolina and of the people of the Southern States generally. Mr. Harper is a practical man, cautious and prudent, but firm and decided when he feels that he is right. We will hereafter publish some extracts from his speech. In the gloomy days Mr. Harper took the field in the Mountain District and beat the Radical party. He was put forward because it was considered that he was the only man who could redeem the District and secure the election of a true Conservative. He deserves a re-nomination and re-election.

## County Executive Committee.

The Chairman of the late Mecklenburg County Convention (Gen. W. H. Neal) has appointed the following persons as an Executive Committee for the Democratic-Conservative party:

Charlotte Township—John L. Brown and H. C. Jones.

Berryhill—Dr. I. W. Herron.

Dewees—H. W. Stinson.

Long—Dr. J. M. Wilson.

Long Creek—Geo. W. McDonald.

Long Creek—R. D. Whitley.

Midland—R. H. Garrison.

Clear Creek—J. C. Dennis.

Morning Star—D. C. Hooks.

Providence—H. M. Parks.

Sharon—H. Reid.

Pineville—J. Kirkpatrick.

Crab Orchard—E. C. Wallis.

Steeb Creek—Dr. J. M. Strong.

Our friend, Col. J. C. Barnhardt of Pioneer Mills, Cabarrus county, sent us a beautiful crystal formation of several inches in size, found on the lands of the late Sandy McKinley. It is transparently white and oval-shaped—a nice ornament.

We did not receive the proceedings of the Conservative meeting of Montgomery county until after the session of the District Convention. Therefore it is unnecessary to publish them now. The delegates from Montgomery were for the nomination of Major Dowd, but as his name was not put before the Convention they voted for Hon. Thos. S. Ashe. The same may be said of the delegates from Cabarrus and Stanley.

HEAVY ON TAX-PAYERS.—Four or five worthless negroes, men and women, are boarding at public expense in Mecklenburg Jail for killing two babies—their own offspring. With baby-killing, chicken-stealing, hog-killing, &c., the public is burdened with heavy expense. So much for reconstruction.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the N. C. Railroad will be held in Raleigh on the 11th of July. See notice.

## The Ku Klux Trials, &amp;c., at Raleigh.

The Raleigh Sentinel of last Wednesday, says: "We learn that the U. S. authorities here have rented and prepared a house in which to confine kluks prisoners that will be here at the June term of the Circuit Court, the jail being too small to accommodate them."

We learn that some two or three thousand persons (defendants and witnesses) have been summoned to appear at Raleigh in June on charges of belonging to the Kluks organization or violating the Revenue law, and that many more arrests will be made before the Court meets.

It is a shame and disgrace to the authorities at Washington to take so many farmers from their homes at the most important season of the year and just at a time when it requires all the force possible to cut wheat and oats and save it from ruin.

No matter what the charges are, if the defendants are now at home on bond they should be allowed to stay there until their bonds can be saved.

We entertained the hope at one time that the indictments would be quashed, or the cases postponed till Winter. As we were not individually implicated we petitioned and requested some of the Government officials to postpone the trials if they could not agree to quash the indictments. But we now see no prospect of such being done. Judge Bond is the man appointed to do the dirty work of making political capital for his master, Grant, and he will not lose the opportunity if he can help it.

We don't often assail Judges, but we cannot help saying that we believe Bond to be a bad man—and we don't express such an opinion because he has punished many of those who were really guilty of midnight outrages—but on account of his manner of conducting the trials.

If President Grant or his District Attorney had any magnanimity, they would at least postpone the trials until Fall or Winter.

EARLY WHEAT.—We learn that our friend, Maj. J. M. Potts of Steel Creek, cut a lot of good ripe wheat on the 23d of May—about six days earlier than the earliest heretofore reported in this section.

The wheat was planted on clover land, and two good crops of clover can be cut off the same field before time to plow in for Fall seeding. That's the way to farm and make farming pay.

## Davidson College.

Gen. J. B. Gordon, of Georgia, will deliver the Annual Orator before the two Literary Societies at Davidson College, on the 26th of next June, during Commencement week.

## N. C. College.

The Commencement Exercises of the N. C. College, at Mount Pleasant, Cabarrus county, will begin on Tuesday, May 28th. The Academic exercises will take place on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning; Literary contest between the Societies on Wednesday evening; Commencement and Address before the Literary Societies on Thursday morning, May 30th.

We are indebted to the President, Rev. L. A. Bickle, for a kind invitation to present. We hope there will be a large attendance, and we know that the good-hearted people of Mount Pleasant will take pleasure in extending a cordial welcome to visitors and do all they can to make them comfortable.

THE PROPOSITION to establish a new county called "Pamlico" out of portions of Craven and Beaufort, was defeated by the vote of Beaufort.

It has been contended that the colored people would show their appreciation of Mr. Greeley's early labors in their behalf by giving him their unqualified support, but it was forgotten that while Mr. Greeley may have done much in their behalf it was General Grant who struck the blow that rendered the emancipation proclamation of Mr. Lincoln a tangible reality.—Northern Pioneer.

Neither Greeley, nor Grant, nor Lincoln are entitled to the credit of emancipating the negroes. The negroes should be grateful to Jefferson Davis and the Confederate authorities generally for their freedom. Lincoln and Congress offered to maintain slavery if the Confederacy would stop the war, but the proposition was not accepted to, and hence slavery was abolished. Instead of the colored people voting with the Republican party they should vote with the Democratic party and for Southern men—their best and truest friends.

Judge Mackey and the S. C. Ku Klux.

Judge Mackey, the newly-elected Republican Judge of South Carolina, made a speech recently at Yorkville in which he said:

"Within the past two weeks he had an interview with President Grant. The President's greatest solicitude at this time seemed to be the condition of affairs in the South. He had learned with extreme sorrow that the Ku-Klux organization was composed of men who had fought valiantly under the Confederate flag, which fact, with another, to-wit, that these men were under parole of honor to conduct themselves as law-abiding citizens, rendered the case more aggravating. The Judge said that on this point he informed the President that he had been misled; that he stated to President Grant that of all the Ku-Klux who had made confession or been convicted in the State, he was unable to learn of more than two who were honorable fighting soldiers in the Confederate army. This information was gratifying to the President, who had a wrong impression of the matter, which it was his pleasure to correct."

## [FOR THE CHARLOTTE DEMOCRAT.]

## The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

ITS CERTAINTIES.

It is certain that a Declaration of Independence of Great Britain was made by Mecklenburgers in May, 1775. That Capt. Jack was sent to carry a report of this declaration to the Continental Congress then in session. That there are three documents now extant which severally claim to be "The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence." That two of these papers are supposed to have been issued on the 20th of May, 1775, and the third on the 31st of May, 1775. That all three papers differ from each other—the paper of the 31st being much the longest and the most minute in its provisions. That the original records of the Committee of Safety for this county in 1775, were burned with the house of the Secretary, John McNeill Alexander, in 1802. That there is now no copy of these records, nor of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, known as made prior to 1802. That no copy of any contemporaneous newspaper has been found with either of the papers of May 20th in it. That a volume of a Charleston, S. C., paper, printed there in 1775, and now preserved in a library of that City, has all of the declaration of May 31st, 1775, in it. That a Massachusetts paper, printed about the same time, has preserved a part of the same document.

## ITS UNCERTAINTIES.

It is uncertain whether there were three Declarations of Independence made at Charlotte in May, 1775, or even two. Whether the paper of May 31st could have followed either of those of May 20th. Whether the papers of May 20th are authentic copies from the original records or only the fruits of a patriotic effort to reproduce the Declaration after the disaster of 1802. Whether men who have heard a long paper read on a public occasion can remember with precision its language fifty years afterwards. Whether the paper of May 31st is not the most creditable of the three—the most truthful expression of the sentiments of its time, and the most likely to have emanated from those intelligent, patriotic, cautious, determined, order-loving Presbyterians.

## The 6th District Congressional Convention.

The Democratic Conservative Delegates from the different counties composing the 6th Congressional District, assembled at Oates' Hall in Charlotte on Thursday the 23d inst., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress.

On motion of Col. J. E. Brown, Dr. J. H. Montgomery of Montgomery county, was appointed temporary Chairman, and F. S. DeWolfe of Mecklenburg, and Dr. J. R. Ellis of Catawba, were requested to act as Secretaries.

On motion of W. J. Yates, the list of counties was called, and it was ascertained that each one in the District was fully represented, the names of Delegates being reported as follows:

Mecklenburg—A. Burwell, J. Y. Bryce, J. E. Brown, John L. Brown, W. J. Yates, H. C. Jones, Z. B. Vance, S. B. Alexander, W. H. Neal, John Erwin, C. H. Elms, A. H. Griffith, R. P. Waring, J. F. Johnston, J. C. Plow, W. H. White, M. L. Wriston, John Rooke, W. L. Houston, G. W. Steele, R. W. McDonald, Sol. Sifford, A. R. Alexander, W. H. Houston, J. L. Morehead, E. A. Osborne, R. D. Johnston, D. H. Hill, J. M. Watson, S. P. Smith, D. A. Caldwell, John Wilkes, Josiah Asbury, J. Roessler, Sampson Wolfe, Robt. Gibbon, Charles Wilson, W. F. Cook, F. S. DeWolfe, John Riegler, and W. W. Grier.

Anson—S. W. Cole, J. J. Cox, J. M. Little, N. Knight. Cabarrus—W. C. Means, N. Slough, W. A. Smith, J. M. Long, Elam King, P. B. Means, D. P. Cannon, C. G. Montgomery, R. S. Harris, R. W. Means, W. J. Montgomery.

Catawba—R. B. Houston, A. M. Powell, S. M. Finger, M. O. Sherrill, R. A. Bost, J. R. Ellis, M. Yoder, E. L. Sherrill, W. Williams, Jas. Campbell, J. Cline, E. A. Hick.

Gaston—J. G. Gullick, W. A. Stowe, J. R. Falls, J. B. Carson, Wm. Wilson, Robert Sandifer, J. F. White, J. G. Lewis, Wiley Rudisill, E. L. Pegram, W. T. Shipp, Wm. Abernathy, A. W. Davenport, W. G. Rutledge.

Lincoln—B. H. Sumner, H. E. Ramsour, Monroe Seagle, J. A. Robinson, E. Childs, E. Crowell, J. A. Caldwell, H. M. Mox, L. E. Thompson, W. A. Graham, J. C. Cobb, D. Schenck, S. E. Dan'l Sengle, Sumner McBee, John G. Justice, R. A. Brevard, Dan'l Finger, A. Costner, H. W. Conner, Geo. Phifer, B. S. Guion, M. J. Eddy, J. F. Hoke, M. L. Brown, C. R. Ramsour, K. Finch.

Montgomery—J. H. Montgomery, C. C. Hilliard.

Richmond—P. D. Walker, R. L. Steele, Alex. Malloy, Walter L. Steele.

Robeson—R. M. Norment, Giles Leitch, Thos. A. McNeill.

Stanley—A. C. Freeman, S. J. Pemberton, W. H. Hearn.

Union—W. H. Simpson, H. B. Adams, C. M. T. McCauley.

R. P. Waring moved that one from each county be appointed on permanent organization.

The Chair appointed J. Cline of Catawba, J. A. Caldwell of Lincoln, J. H. White of Gaston, R. P. Waring of Mecklenburg, Gen. W. C. Means of Cabarrus, C. Freeman of Stanley, C. M. T. McCauley of Union, S. W. Cowles of Anson, R. L. Steele of Richmond, C. C. Hilliard of Montgomery, and Dr. W. S. Norment of Robeson.

The Committee, after a short recess, reported Hon. Z. B. Vance as permanent President; J. H. White, Giles Leitch, S. W. Cowles, C. M. T. McCauley, Vice Presidents; F. S. DeWolfe, Dr. J. R. Ellis, T. R. Waring, J. M. Watson, N. T. Knight and J. G. Lewis, Secretaries.

A Committee waited on Gov. Vance and informed him of the action of the Convention. The Governor appeared, and in a short speech accepted the position tendered him.

On motion of Col. J. M. Long, the Convention adopted, as a basis for voting, the vote of Hon. W. M. Shipp for Attorney General, allowing every one one hundred votes cast, and one for a fraction over fifty.

The platform of the Greensboro Convention was adopted.

The Convention then took recess until 2 o'clock P. M., for dinner.

Convention re-assembled, and on motion of Col. Jones, proceeded to ballot for a candidate for Congress.

The name of Col. N. A. McLean was put in nomination by Giles Leitch of Robeson. Thos. S. Ashe by W. J. Montgomery of Cabarrus, H. W. G. Jones by H. C. Jones of Mecklenburg, M. L. McGorkle by R. B. Houston of Catawba, M. L. Steele by P. D. Walker of Richmond, J. F. Hoke by R. W. Sandifer of Gaston.

The Convention voted as follows:

Hon. Thos. S. Ashe—Anson 11, Cabarrus 10, Montgomery 5, Union 8, Stanley 6, total 40.

H. W. G. Jones—Lincoln 8, Mecklenburg 22—total 30.

Col. N. A. McLean—Robeson 17.

M. L. McGorkle—Catawba 10.

W. L. Steele—Richmond 8.

Col. J. F. Hoke—Gaston 10.

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Thos. S. Ashe—Union 8, Stanley 6, Anson 11, Cabarrus 10, Catawba 10, Montgomery 5, Richmond 8—total 58.

H. W. G. Jones—Gaston 10, Lincoln 8, Mecklenburg 22—total 40.

Col. N. A. McLean—Robeson 17.

Col. H. C. Jones of Mecklenburg, seconded by Dr. Norment of Robeson, and Col. Long of Cabarrus, moved to make the nomination unanimous. Carried.

The following gentlemen were appointed delegates to the Baltimore Convention: Z. B. Vance of Mecklenburg, and P. B. Means of Cabarrus, by acclamation.

Alternates—H. C. Wall, J. Y. Bryce, J. C. Mills.

Col. W. L. Steele was appointed District Elector.

The Convention, after passing a resolution of thanks to the President and Secretaries, and requesting the Secretary of the District to publish the proceedings, adjourned.

Z. B. VANCE, President.

F. S. DEWOLFE, Secretary.

J. R. ELLIS, Secretary.

J. G. LEWIS, Secretary.

WESTERN N. C. RAILROAD.—We have just learned through G. M. Roberts, Secretary of the Western Division of the Western N. C. Railroad, that Maj. Rollins, President of the Road, has arrived, and reports that he has closed a lease with the Southern Railway Security Company, to build the road from Wolfe Creek to Asheville, and to Waynesville, N. C. This we regard as entirely reliable.—Asheville Pioneer.

JUDGMENT LIENS.—The following act, passed by the General Assembly at its late session, is of such general interest, that we publish it for the benefit of suitors and lawyers:

"No judgment shall be a lien on real estate against a purchaser thereof, for valuable consideration, without notice, unless it be docketed according to the third and fourth sections of this chapter in the county or corporation wherein such estate is, either within ninety days next after the date of such judgment or thirty days before the conveyance of such estate to such purchaser."

THE LAMBERTON ROBESONIAN says:

"We learn that Stephen Lowrey and Andrew Strong, two of the outlaws, were present among a large congregation that assembled at a burying ground near Buie's store, in this county, on Sunday last, to hear a funeral sermon that was to have been preached there on that day by Rev. N. M. Ray. The congregation numbered about 500 persons, and these men mingled freely among them without molestation or restraint."

Alluding to the report that Henry Berry Lowrey is still living, the Robesonian says: "On the contrary it is known here as a well established fact that Henry Berry Lowrey is dead—that he was shot and killed by his brother Stephen on the day after the robbery of Mr. McLeod's safe in this town, 3 months ago."

## Easter and Dyed Eggs.

Editor Charlotte Democrat.—I would like for you to explain in your paper, to many readers, what is the true meaning of Easter Sunday. Why people dye eggs on that day and why it comes sometimes on the last Sunday in March and at other times in April, as far along as the 15th or 17th day.

Mecklenburg County, N. C. A. W. L.

We referred the above to the writer of the answer below:

MR. EDITOR.—To answer your correspondent fully would require more space than you would at present devote to the subject. I shall, therefore, confine an answer strictly to historical facts, pointing him to the authors from whom the facts may be extracted, such as Landseer, Hyginus, David's *Druids*, "Grecian and Roman Mythology," Smith's *Classical Dictionary*, &c.

Easter is the most important of the movable feasts of the Romish and some other Churches. It is always the first Sunday after the full moon that is always on or after the twenty-first of March. It will be perceived, therefore, that the earliest day on which Easter can occur is March 22d, and the latest, April 25th.

The proper name of Easter is Astarte, a Goddess of ancient mythology. The worship of Bel and Astarte, says Lord Scott, was introduced into Britain along with the Druids, the "priests of the groves." In the early Church a feast in